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A GOOD SUGGESTION.

There is a recommendation in the report of the grand jury that we think should be heeded and adopted. It is in relation to the county jail, which the jury recommends should be abolished as a prison or place of confinement for criminals, for the reasons set forth: "The jail being in the basement of the County Court House we find the walls and floors damp, some of the cells badly ventilated, and the place filthy beyond description. The prisoners' beds, composed of ticking filled with straw, being damp and mouldy from coming in contact with the stone floors, would be sufficient to destroy health, and make the lives of the unfortunate occupants miserable while there." We cannot recall how many grand juries have presented similar reports as to the institution mentioned, but if any who inspected the place reported otherwise we must have overlooked the paper. And what makes the matter important is the fact that the reports are not made from vindictive motives or maliciously. The jail is an unfit place in which to confine a human being and ought not to be used for prison purposes. This condition is not the fault of the jailor, nor of any person connected with the institution; but is the fault of the location and the building. It is impossible to make the place wholesome and a fit habitation for man, even for brief periods. We believe the prison has been kept as well as it could be under the circumstances, and all that could reasonably be done has been done for the health and comfort of the unfortunate inmates. If it be necessary for the county to have a jail—and it seems to be necessary—it should erect one that will be a credit to the most populous and richest county in the Territory.

GOUGH ON MORMONISM.

John B. Gough, the great temperance lecturer, is out on Mormonism. With all his years of experience, with a profound knowledge of the frailties of that humanity with which he numbers himself, he is yet too volatile to talk soberly on some serious subjects. Mr. Gough may be and undoubtedly is a very good temperance lecturer, but he is not a statesman, and certainly not a Christian if statements attributed to him are true. He is credited with having said: "I tell you I would rather see this Territory covered with sagebrush from one end of it to the other than to see it imbedded in Mormonism as it is. When I think of it, it makes my blood boil, and I can hardly talk coolly on the subject." It is the highest reach not alone of reason but of Christianity to pity those who are benighted and afflicted by with false ideas and superstitious practices. The gentleman himself in his lecture Friday evening thanked God that he had capacity sufficient to appreciate the divine composition of Chopin, the inference and declaration being that he could but sympathize with those who lacked the capacity for pure enjoyment with which the Creator had endowed him. To be consistent, should not Mr. Gough have rejoiced that enlightenment and civilization had placed him in a position to see the error of the way of others? He has the heart to pity and call a man the being degraded beyond the power of words to describe by the power of drink. Despite this wealth of benevolence, "it makes my blood boil" to think of the Mormons. Mr. Gough is a Christian when he preaches temperance for \$400 a night; he is the veriest charlatan when he discusses Mormonism to a reporter for entertainment. The idea that a being, whose boast is that he is a man filled with the power, the glory and the grace of that God who delights in development and in progress, declaring that he "would rather see

this Territory covered with sagebrush from one end of it to the other than to see it imbedded in Mormonism as it is." And this man has swayed the minds of millions in his time! Utah Territory is a marvel of inherent resource and productive capacity, brought about under the most trying and contrary influences. The eye that reaches over the long stretches of rich, productive fields everywhere rests on the evidences of thrift and prosperity. The highest civilization is consistent and compatible only with the highest industrial development. Utah is a land, for its opportunities, equaled by none in material wealth. What would a sane man think of a man who could publicly declare he would rather see the broad, fertile, pleasant and productive valleys of this Territory a sagebrush waste, its mines a thing unknown, its manufactures undressed of, than it should be inhabited and blessed by a people who happened to think and practice differently from him! What rot! Whatever else Mr. Gough may be, he is certainly not a Christian nor a statesman.

INSANE ASYLUM.

In the preliminary report of the grand jury as published in Saturday's issue of THE HERALD, appears the following in that part of the document referring to the visit to Dr. Young's insane asylum:

The grand jury are of opinion that with the increasing population of this Territory and the present crowded condition of the asylum, it would be advisable for the proper Territorial officials to erect a building more suitable for an asylum, and in accordance with similar institutions in the east, embracing all desirable modern improvements.

Can it be that the gentlemen of the jury have been Rip Van Winking these four years and longer? Why have the Legislative Assembly at their sessions made handsome appropriations for the erection of an insane asylum? What were the jurymen doing during the long and animated discussion as to the proper site for the institution? What were the gentlemen doing when the newspapers were publishing accounts of the awarding of contracts, and subsequently printing descriptions of the building? There is a painful suggestion in the recommendation of the jurymen that the gentlemen have been dozing; it is hoped that all their work will not bear out this supposition.

In case the jurors have not yet learned the facts, THE HERALD will inform the gentlemen that the asylum visited by them is a private institution, being the individual property of Dr. Young, and is managed and maintained by him, he accepting patients upon such terms as he may make with their guardians, county or city authorities. The Territory has for over three years been building a magnificent asylum for the insane, one section of which is approaching a condition when it can be occupied; and in which as well be here stated that the place will be provided with the latest of modern improvements.

BE EVER PREPARED.

The uncertainty of life was sadly illustrated recently in the sudden death of a well known citizen. True it is that we may feel as well and hearty as we could wish and at the same time the ruthless hand of death is put forth to stop the machinery of life, and for the future cause a void in that circle to which we were the centre. We live and labor for those whom we love, winning the respect and friendship of our fellows as we go on toward that indefinite uncertainty—the hereafter. Each day brings its pleasures amid the struggles and anxieties of winning a place above want, and how few of us realize that each passing day makes a giant stride toward that point where the hand of death will touch the most delicate part of the mechanism of life and all is over. Truly then we are fall blindly groping on the verge of a precipice not knowing when we may topple over and begin the exploration of the unknown. What more can we do than live blameless lives and endeavor to leave those who depend upon us so situated morally and financially that they too may pass through life gathering the love and respect of their friends so that when they pass, they may do so knowing that the example of their lives will live after them? To do good is as grand an object in life as any we know of and when a life has been governed by such an aim, the result will be all that anyone can reasonably expect—to so thoroughly deserve the honor of all who

know you as to retain it long after death. There is a thought of dull, heavy sorrow attached to the sudden and unheralded approach of death, and no word can be spoken, however sincere, that does not sound like mockery to those who are crushed by the awful blow which they were powerless to avert. Silently and sadly the friends pay the last honors and hurry on in the race, not one of them knowing which may next answer the call. Then live to day so that to-morrow may not find you unprepared to rest in the bosom of mother earth if nature weakens and, like a reed the dreams of the future are broken, it has been truly said "Wait not till to-morrow's sun shines upon thy way. All that thou canst erit thine own lies in thy to-day."

THE SUPERINTENDENTS of insane asylums have been holding a convention in Philadelphia, and among other things shown by the statistics presented was that while the foreign born element comprises only one-eighth of the population, it furnishes one third of the paupers, one-third of the criminals and one-third of the insane of the country. These figures should be sufficient to incite statesmen and law-makers to devise measures for protecting America against the defective classes of the old world. They also prove that there is more than baseless assertion in the allegation that this country is being made the dumping ground of the European paupers, criminals and insane.

BOTH PARTIES in Congress express themselves very desirous of doing something for the dear people, but they are unable to agree upon what shall be done. Government is collecting from the dear people upwards of \$100,000,000 more than it requires for all its needs, including the payment of interest and the regular redemption of the public debt as it shall fall due. It is clear enough that Congress can do something very handsome for the dear people by remitting the taxes which make up this \$100,000,000. It requires no argument to explain that the people would be better off if they had the money than they are without it.

THERE ARE about 4,000 Grand Army posts in the country, and up to the beginning of last week 1,017 of them had sent petitions to Washington asking the passage of the bill granting a premium of \$8 per month to every officer, soldier and sailor who served sixty days or more in the war of the rebellion. The petitions are pouring in fast, and it is thought that by the end of the month nearly all the G. A. R. posts will have been heard from. So long as there is a big surplus in the treasury there will be grabbing for it, and schemes for getting it out will be devised with no more merit in them than this one contains.

It is well understood that Iowa is a prohibition state, the prohibitory law for which the temperance people have been struggling so long having recently gone into effect. In this connection it is worthy of note that the collector of internal revenue has issued over 400 licenses to sell liquor. He also states that fully nine-tenths of the saloon keepers have either renewed their licenses or announced their intention to do so. From this it would appear that Iowa's prohibitory law, like the prohibitory laws of other States, does not prohibit.

THE ST. LOUIS Globe-Democrat concludes its editorial comment on the late anti-Mormon meeting in this city as follows: "The only serious drawback to the impression the proceedings of the meeting ought to make is the fact that the Rev. Joseph Cook was one of the chief speakers." It is evident the editor of the Globe-Democrat entertains the popular and correct opinion of the ministerial humbug. The Utah anti-Mormons are the exceptions in the matter.

THE OTHER day a Louisville preacher, in a discourse on punctuality, stated that our forefathers put clocks on the outside of the churches that they might not be late in getting to service. The clocks having been put on the inside of churches, does it imply that the change was made lest we be late in getting out?

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